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C.I.A. EXPERT SAYS GEMS WERE TAKEN

Reports \$19,000 Theft After
Visit of 2 Other Agents

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (UPI) — Hans V. Tofte, a Central Intelligence Agency expert in clandestine operations, has notified the Washington police that jewels, reportedly valued at about \$19,000, were missing from his home after two other C.I.A. men visited his residence.

A spokesman for the intelligence agency said the two agents had gone to Mr. Tofte's home to recover "exposed classified documents" that one of them accidentally had spotted on a previous visit to look over the house, which was advertised for sale.

The C.I.A. spokesman made his statement in response to an article in The Minneapolis Tribune and The Des Moines Register and Tribune by the papers' Washington correspondent, Clark Mollenhoff.

Mr. Mollenhoff wrote that the reported jewel theft was creating new major problems for the agency's new director, Richard Helms, who recently was criticized in the Senate for praising a newspaper editorial critical of Senator J. W. Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas.

\$25,000-A-Year Man

Mr. Mollenhoff identified Mr. Tofte as a \$25,000-a-year employe of the intelligence agency.

The C.I.A. spokesman said that Mr. Tofte had listed his Georgetown home for sale with a real estate concern, which arranged for another C.I.A. employe, Kenneth R. Slocum, to see the property.

"Mr. Slocum was not aware of Mr. Tofte's agency affiliation at the time he visited the property," the C.I.A. said.

Mr. Slocum was shown the house by Mr. Tofte's mother-in-law on July 24.

"During the course of the visit," the C.I.A. spokesman said, "Mr. Slocum noticed by chance classified [C.I.A.] material in one of the rooms being shown and reported this promptly to agency security officials."

"Since the presence of exposed classified documents in a private home constitutes a violation of agency security regulations, Mr. and Mrs. Slo-

cum and Mr. Charles D. Speake, Mrs. Tofte also mentioned that a security representative of this agency, returned to the residence on Sunday, July 24.

"They were again admitted by Mr. Tofte's mother-in-law and took custody of the classified material. Subsequently, Mr. Tofte advised a security official of this agency that some jewelry belonging to his wife was missing."

"He was encouraged to report this immediately to the metropolitan police department of the District of Columbia, which we understand is now investigating the reported loss. This agency is cooperating fully with the authorities of the 7th precinct in this investigation."

'Manuscripts' Missing

Police officers who investigated the case said that they went to the home on July 25 and Mrs. Tofte told them that about \$19,000 worth of jewels in a purse were missing from a first floor closet.

The policemen said that

Mrs. Tofte also mentioned that some "manuscripts" were missing from the third floor. But that she did not know much about them except that they belonged to her husband.

A check of pawnshops in the area has failed to turn up any trace of the missing jewels, the police said.

According to Mr. Mollenhoff's article, Mr. Tofte said it was "customary for executives and senior personnel in key positions, as well as employees of certain ranks and persons home to work on them."

He charged that C.I.A. personnel unknown to him had entered his home, "managed to distract the attention of my mother-in-law, and roamed the house for a period of time." He said "no warrant or other official identification was displayed at time."

The C.I.A. spokesman today said Mr. Tofte was still on the agency's employment rolls, but that investigation of his handling of classified material at home was being continued.